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SUBJ: REPRESENTATION ON US CASES AT MFA CONSULAR
ADMINISTRATION

REF:MOSCOW 9663, 9585, AND 9373

1. I CALLED ON CHIEF OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION AMBASSADOR
MOLYAKOV AUG 15 AND AGAIN PRESSED FOR GREATER PROGRESS IN
RESOLVING EXIT VISA CASES ON US REPRESENTATION LIST XV AND
SPECIAL LIST OF US CITIZENS (MOSCOW 9373). I REMINDED MOLYAKOV
THAT OF FIVE CASES ON SPECIAL LIST (KAZARIAN, MANOOGIAN, VARAV,
OZOLINS, AND PETRUSEVICIENE) TO DATE ONLY ONE (KAZARIAN) HAS
BEEN FAVORABLY RESOLVED. WITH RESPECT TO REP. LIST XV, I
INDICATED WE WERE ESPECIALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT LESS THAN 15
PERCENT OF CASES HAVE RECIEVED EXIT PERMISSION. I TOLD
AMBASSADOR MOLYAKOV THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT PROGRESS IN THE VITAL
HUMAN AREA OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION TO BE COMPARABLE TO FORWARD
MOVEMENT EVIDENCED IN OTHER AREAS OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS.

2. IN AIDE-MEMOIRE WITH I HANDED OVER WE DETAILED RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO BOTH REPRESENTATION LIST XV AND
SPECIAL LIST, AND CITED IECHEPIENE AND BENKO AS TWO ADDITIONAL
AMCITS LONG ENDEAVORING TO JOIN RELATIVES IN US.

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3. IN DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, MOLYAKOV ASSURED THAT

PROCESS OF RESOLVING US CASES IN PROCEEDING, AND SOVIET UNION TOOK OUR REPRESENTATIONS IN THIS AREA SERIOUSLY. HE INDICATED AS EXAMPLE THAT AUGUST 14 EMBASSY NOTE ON MARRIAGE CASES HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR ITS CONSIDERATION (MOSCOW 9663).

4. AS ALLEGED EVIDENCE OF SOVIET MOVEMENT ON EMIGRATION ISSUES, MOLYAKOV THEN INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL, DECLARING THAT 98 PERCENT OF SOVIET APPLICANTS RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION. AFTER INDICATING WE WERE NOT SURE HOW THIS OFT-CITED FIGURE WAS REACHED, WE DREW MILYAKOV'S ATTENTION BACK TO US REPRESENTATION LIST XV AND NOTED ITS COMPARATIVELY LOW RATE OF SUCCESS. MOLYAKOV OFFERED NO FURTHER EXPLANATIONS BUT ASSURED AGAIN THAT "WORK IS CONTINUING" TO SOLVE OUR CASES.

5. CHIEF EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION AND MFA SECOND SECRETARY MATROYEV TOOK PART IN THE MEETING. COPIES OF AIDE-MEMOIRE ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV.

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